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GLARING HEADLIGHTS.

The glaring headlights on automobiles which measure up so well with the shaft of dazzling rays from a searchlight have long been recognized by auto drivers and others users of highways as a menace of the first class. They have been the cause of many accidents and are a constant danger to vehicles and pedestrians going in the opposite direction. It is important that the streets and highways should be sufficiently lighted so as to assure safety to travelers, but that need is greatly overdone by a large number of the blinding auto headlights.

Efforts have been made to prohibit them in cities, where they are used without excuse, but the growing recognition of the danger which they cause nullifies as they do the efforts to make the highways lighter and safer, has led to an attempt upon the part of the highway commission of Massachusetts to reach a solution of the problem.

This has resulted in the suggestion of an advisory committee consisting of representatives of auto owners, dealers and the safety league that the commission order that henceforth all searchlights and headlights be restricted to a projection of such rays not over four feet from the ground, an order which would cause respect and little inconvenience.

If such a change will overcome the glare so dangerous to drivers, horses and pedestrians it should be met with ready compliance upon the part of all auto owners, and it is evident enough that what is advisable for Massachusetts would be an excellent thing for Connecticut.

INCREASE AMERICAN SHIPPING.

The department of commerce issues a statement, with apparently a great deal of pride, to the effect that the American flag now floats over more ships in the foreign trade than at any other time since 1863. Such a situation is cause for elation since it is the development of the American merchant marine which has been so eagerly sought for a long time and credit can be, as it is, attributed to the new American registry law.

Thus it becomes evident that while there has been appreciable growth in American shipping, it is nevertheless a fact that this increase in the stars and stripes on the high seas is due to a large extent to the protection which such vessels receive while the war is under way. Resort has been made to American registry to overcome difficulties which exist under other flags since a large amount of the transoceanic business can best be carried on under such conditions. The opportunity to engage in such commerce was never better following the curtailment which countries involved in the war were forced to make.

What would be far more desirable would be the retention of such registry after the war is over. Did American shipping laws furnish an inducement for the steady increase of American ships under normal conditions it might be expected that the good showing would be maintained, but with the seamen's law soon to go into effect and the agitation which continues to be made for government ownership of steamship lines such can hardly be expected. The growth must therefore be looked upon as the result of abnormal conditions to a continuation of which growth national legislation holds out discouragement instead of encouragement.

SUPPORTS BRITISH ACTION.

It was only a short time ago that Germany was making a strenuous kick because of the British action which operated to cut off the supplies for the civilian population. It was claimed that it amounted virtually to an order which meant the starvation of the people of that country by cutting off the sources of supply for the non-combatants, although it was not done un-

til after the German government had taken full charge of all supplies in that country.

It is an entirely different attitude which a prize court in Germany has taken concerning the seizure and destruction of the Dutch steamship Maria which was captured in the Atlantic last September bound from Portland, Ore., to Belfast with a cargo of wheat. In that case the claim for reparation has been turned down and the action of the German high court's decision is upheld, because there was no means of ascertaining what use the wheat would have been put to on the arrival of the vessel at Belfast, and whether the government would not have come upon the scene as a purchaser.

Germany was in other words expecting the British to take their word that no such supplies would be used for other than the civilians, but when it came to applying the same tactics to supplies destined for British territory, only a month after the war opened, it was impossible to look at the situation in the same light. Germany's prize court therefore justifies the British action against which it protested so loudly, and it even went so far as to destroy a neutral ship, as well as the cargo.

MARYLAND VS. TEXAS JUSTICE.

The difference in the manner of administering justice by certain states of the union is well illustrated by examples which have recently occurred in communities in Maryland and Texas.

In the former state a young colored man charged with a serious offense, though not minor, was lodged in a lockup and application was made for the convening of the grand jury for a quick trial. The crime was such as to arouse indignation and the possibility of mob violence was not overlooked, with the result that the prisoner was taken to a jail, where he would be safe. While shooting on sight was talked there was no move to put it into operation, it being recognized that the law of the state should be upheld, and the accused will get the trial and sentence by law, to which he is entitled.

Not so in Texas. There two Negroes charged with murdering a deputy sheriff were brought into city, one dead and the other alive. The mob insisted that they be burned at the stake on the public square. Others insisted that the law be respected, but a compromise was finally reached whereby the mob agreed that their desires would not be carried out in the center of the city, but in the outskirts. The Negroes were burned at the stake, a fact which is a reproach to any community which classes itself as civilized.

The Maryland town is to be commended for its display of control and the activity of its authorities in upholding the law while the Texas city only brings discredit upon itself by its atrocities.

POOR ZEPPELIN SHOWING.

There can be no question but what the war in Europe has shown the aeroplane and the zeppelin to be of tremendous value in military and naval operations. There have been numerous demonstrations of the high type of service which they are capable of rendering and each has proved an important factor to be reckoned with, but the aeroplane has in many instances shown its superiority.

The report which has been made upon the zeppelin method of warfare to the first lord of the British admiralty shows nothing to its credit, when it is found upon the investigation of the series of raids which have been made upon England that no British soldier or sailor has been killed or wounded, but that during the first year of the war such attacks resulted in the death of 71 civilian adults and 18 children, while 189 civilian adults and 31 children were injured. Thus it is indicated as far as any military advantage was gained the zeppelin raids might just as well not have been made.

Even if the efforts of those in charge of such raids was to strike at military posts or fortified towns, the lack of accuracy is fully disclosed, and the same holds good to a large extent concerning the aeroplanes, but the ease with which they are capable of rendering small target which it offers and the low cost all stand out in its favor as the better engine of war. The same reasons apply when they are compared for scouting purposes.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The man on the corner says: Good character is a heap less bother than a reputation.

It should be remembered that adequate preparation for defense does not mean militarism.

Huckleberry pie lovers will mourn the fact that New Jersey's crop is going to waste on the bushes.

"Full satisfaction" is as broad and uncertain a term as the much insisted upon "strict accountability."

Over in England the feeding of peacocks to cattle is recommended. Probably planning for a regular circus.

Old age is no respecter of persons. It overtakes baseball players, as in the case of Marquard at the ripe old age of 28.

Candidates for political office are finding that it is harder to keep in the highlight because of the attention demanded by the war.

When Kentucky sends three night riders to the penitentiary it is an act which should be called to the attention of Georgia and Texas.

It will be some time yet before the final curtain is rung down on the vacation season, but it is impossible to make the small boy believe it.

It doesn't require much of a rain storm to discover the large number of small reservoirs formed by the uneven and dilapidated sidewalks.

With renewed efforts being made to prevent the New England peaches from going to waste a valuable step in the right direction is being taken.

When Governor Holcomb comes here as the guest of the Agricultural society next week he not only honors Norwich, but the county, and due recognition should be made of it.

When passengers on a French steamer wear tags for identification purposes in case of submarine attack, it doesn't indicate boundless faith in the end of the German submarine policy.

SIMPLE LITTLE PICNIC

"Well, well, well!" growled the father of the family, in mingled reproach and relief, as his 15 year old daughter dragged herself limply up the front steps at 10:30 in the evening. "Seeing that you left the house at 7:30 this morning to go to the picnic, why did you come home so early? I was in the act of looking for a handy messenger to send telling you to remain as long as you liked!"

"I'm just about dead!" gasped his offspring, obviously sinking into the drooping chair and dropping her basket, umbrella and pocket book with a clatter. "My, but we had a grand time!"

"I've been worried to death!" declared her mother. "If you tell me what on earth you could do to kill time from 10 a. m. till this time of night in St. Charles I wish you would! I never heard of such lateness!"

"Oh," explained her child kindly, "we weren't there all that time! You see when Bertha and I left here to catch the 7:50 L. C. express downtown we were so late because the clock was slow or something. Anyhow, I had to stop in the corner store to buy some chocolate and when we got out when you go on a picnic what will happen and chocolate is very nourishing."

"Of course, the other girls and the chaplain were on the 7:50, but they waited for us. That is, Elsie and Nellie went on the paper napkins and Mrs. White had to order groceries, but we got over to the interurban at ten minutes to 9. We had a time card and it said that the car left at 9:05. It was 9 o'clock when we discovered that Harriet hadn't come. She's moved out to Clark, you know, but she still belongs to the club. So we phoned her—and what do you think? 'Are you really going?' says she. 'It looks like rain out here and I haven't made my sandwiches or anything!' So we told her never mind, but to hurry up and get here. And she came, and that made it all right about the four dozen sandwiches she was to bring."

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"Well, we were going to have lunch and supper both," said her daughter, "and you got awfully hungry on picnics. Besides, the sandwiches were most all we had planned for—we didn't have anything else but Bertha's and my salad and some pickles and candy and deviled eggs and cake and fruit and cookies. Anyhow, we couldn't have taken our car, for the name of the car was a speck over one zero on the time card and that made it look like a '0'."

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Stories of the War

Getting Gold in France.

There have been some remarkable scenes at the Bank of France since Alexander Poincaré, the French minister of finance, issued his call for the mobilization of gold. "We are spending two billion francs a month," he said, "it's a frightful sum and we've got to keep it up another winter—bring on your gold." The call spread rapidly, and the response has been prompt.

Monsieur Ribot is only one month older than Monsieur Poincaré, the Rue des Tuileries, who was 73 this spring. Madame Colin wrote on the slip she delivered in the Bank of France, a hundred francs of gold to be exchanged for national defense bonds. "I had saved it to make a present to Monsieur Ribot on our golden wedding day," she added, "but we decided that we could both get more pleasure and satisfaction out of the gold by turning it over as a sort of homage to Monsieur Ribot."

Hundreds of school children will associate the name of the venerable minister with their first visit to that mysterious and awe inspiring institution, always so impressively guarded by the handsomely uniformed republican guards. Their teachers led them up to the teller's window where gold is exchanged, and they generally disappeared not to see the patriarchal head of "Monsieur Ribot" somewhere behind the counter.

One woman shoved a pile of coins amounting to 350 francs through the teller's window at the Bank of France, with the concise explanation, "Monsieur Ribot." She turned to go away without her bank bills and had to be pushed back by Monsieur Ribot, who was not seeking gold without giving the equivalent in exchange.

A man who had spent years collecting hundred-franc gold pieces, and had gotten together a hundred of consecutive dates, including the rarest of all, brought to the bank. Worth as a collection five times as much, he went away satisfied with 10,000 francs in bank notes. Another numismatist sacrificed a unique collection of 200 of "double louis"—forty franc pieces.

Another man, in the familiar peasant's blue frock, came in, took his place hesitatingly in the line and fidgeted continually while waiting. He left the line of the teller's window and walked hurriedly away and took his place again at the foot. When his turn finally came, he cast a fond glance at the bank note he had just received, and then poured seven thousand francs in gold upon the counter.

The thought of the millions of pieces received would take too long, it would also be too complicated since with the "louis," "napoleons," and "republiques" there were also "eagles." "Double eagles"—in fact pieces of nearly every nation that had been issued since the war began—were valued by weight. Sometimes weight is the only possible means of valuation, as in the case of the Cures of Hutoir who deposited at the branch of the Bank of France at Chalons-sur-Marne, a shapeless mass he had recovered from the heat of the conflagration. The million and a half francs received at Chalons included a twenty franc piece which was the only one of the kind that had been nearly pierced by a German bullet.

A newspaper announcing the gold movement was smuggled into a ham-

net on the battle-front that has been taken and retaken several times, and now happens to be occupied by the line of the teller's window.

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